

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Marija Heibel *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/826,490

Filing Date: April 15, 2004

For: Fabric Care Composition
Comprising Polymer Encapsulated
Fabric or Skin Beneficiating Ingredient

Examiner: John Hardee

Art Unit: 1751

Confirmation No.: 1345

Attorney Docket No.: 7564-00

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2006. It is timely filed on September 12, 2006.

Accompanied herewith are:

- (1) a copy of an IDS filed September 20, 2004;
- (2) a copy of the return postcard indicating the USPTO's receipt of the IDS;
- (3) a transmittal for a Request for Continued Examination; and
- (4) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

REMARKS

Claims 26-66 are pending.

Filed concurrently herewith are a Request for Continued Examination transmittal and a Supplemental IDS. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of these documents and the present remarks in the application.

I. The September 20, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants have been asked to re-submit a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement of September 23, 2004 along with a copy of the return postcard from the original mailing (Final Office Action, p. 2).

Accordingly, enclosed herewith are copies of both the original Information Disclosure Statement filed September 20, 2004 and the returned postcard stamped to indicate that it was received by the USPTO on September 23, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate his consideration of the references cited by signing and returning forms PTO-1449 (2 sheets) at his earliest convenience.

II. Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 45-51, 54-57 and 59-66 have been rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 6-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,620,777 in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0071742 to Popplewell et al ("Popplewell").

Similarly, claims 45-51, 54-57 and 59-66 have been rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,864,223 in view of Popplewell.

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Without acquiescing to the merits of the above rejections, Applicants respectfully request that these issues be held in abeyance until the presently pending claims are otherwise found to be allowable. At that time, Applicants will offer to file a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate these rejections if appropriate.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 45-51, 54-57 and 59-66 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0132749 to Smith *et al.* ("Smith") in view of Popplewell *et al.* Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Smith is directed to fabric conditioners that provide efficient delivery of a fragrance. The Final Office Action acknowledges that Smith does not disclose an encapsulated fragrance as presently claimed (Final Office Action, p. 6).

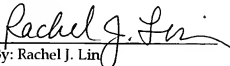
While Popplewell teaches encapsulated fragrance chemicals, the reference does not teach or suggest a non-aqueous fabric softener composition as recited in presently pending claim 45. Popplewell teaches polymeric encapsulated fragrances that are suitable for use in "rinse off products, which are products that are applied to a substrate and then removed in some manner." (Popplewell, Paragraph [0009]). Popplewell further specifies that an object of the chemicals disclosed therein is to "deposit capsules containing fragrance cores on desired substrates . . . during washing and rinsing processes." (*Id.* at Paragraph [0017]). However, there is no suggestion in Popplewell that its encapsulated fragrances be used in non-aqueous fabric softener compositions, as recited in pending claims 45-51, 54-57 and 59-66. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated based on the combined teachings of Smith and Popplewell to arrive at the compositions and methods of the present invention as recited in claims 45-51, 54-57 and 59-66. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

In light of the present remarks, it is believed that the claims are now in condition for allowance, early notice of which is earnestly solicited. Should any additional issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at her telephone number below.

No fees are believed to be due for the filing of this Response. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees due, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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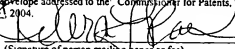
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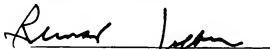
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